deem best, nor shall this article be so construed or taken as to make the political corporation of Baltimore independent or free from the control which the General Assembly of Maryland has over all such corporations in this State.

At eleven o'clock the President and his party were escorted into the hall, and took seats in front of the President's chair.*

The ceremonies having ended, the Convention, in accordance with a resolution previously adopted, took a recess until the 10th of July.

FORTY-THIRD DAY.

ANNAPOLIS, WEDNESDAY, JULY 10.

The Convention met at 10½ o'clock, pursuant to adjournment on June 30th. Hon. R. B. Carmichael, president, in the chair. After prayer by Rev. Mr. Hammond, the roll was called, when seventy-one members (being a quorum) answered to their names.

The unfinished business, being the report of the committee on the legislative department, was taken up, section 39 being under consideration, which was read and passed over without amendment. This section declares that the property of the wife shall be protected from the debts of her husband.

Section 40 was read and passed over without amendment. It provides that laws shall be passed by the General Assembly to protect from execution a reasonable amount of the property of the debtor, not exceeding in value the sum of $500.

Sections 41, 42 and 43 were read and passed over without amendment.

Section 44 was read and passed over informally.

Section 45 was read and passed over without amendment.

Section 46 was read. It inflicts a penalty on members of the Legislature and parties offering bribes.

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*For detailed account of the ceremonies see page 495.